

REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 4, 2000 with claims 1-27. Claims 1-5, 8-13, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 25-27 were allowed in the Notice of Allowance dated January 7, 2008.

Applicants have cancelled claims 11-13, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 25-27 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

It is believed that there is no fee due in conjunction with this amendment. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of the required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit **International Business Machines Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461** as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,



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